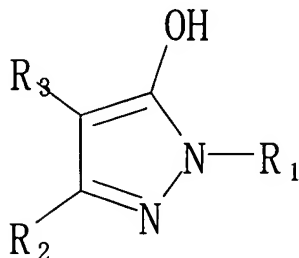


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-8. (Cancelled)**

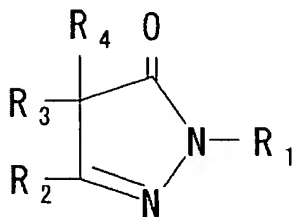
**9. (Currently Amended)** ~~An inhibitor of protein modification products formation comprising~~  
a compound of formula (II)



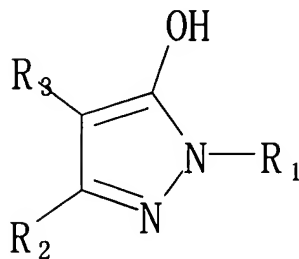
wherein R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl group, R<sub>2</sub> is methyl group, and R<sub>3</sub> is 6-methyl-1,3-dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group, in free or salt form.

**10-23. (Cancelled)**

**24. (Previously Presented)** A compound of formula (I)



or formula (II)



wherein R4 is a hydrogen atom or monovalent organic group and wherein R1 is phenyl group, R2 is methyl group, and R3 is 6-methyl-1,3-dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group, in free or salt form.

**25-26. (Cancelled)**